

AGNI, and you, VASUS, grant us
happiness; all you
sons of ADITI, and thou ADITI, alike well-
pleased,
bestow upon us ample felicity.

6. Subject us not, adorable (deities), to
the robber
or his wife;¹ nor to any one designing us
harm; for
you are the regulators of our persons^ of
our strength,
of our speech.

7. Let us not suffer for the sin
committed by
another: let us not do that which, VASUS,
you pro-
hibit: you rule, universal gods, over the
universe:
(so provide that) mine enemy may inflict
injury on
his own person.

8. Reverence be to the potent
(company of uni-
versal gods): I offer (them) reverence:
reverence
sustains both earth and heaven:³
reverence be to the
gods: reverence is sovereign over them: I
expiate by
reverence whatever sin may have been
committed.

9. Adorable (deities), I venerate with
reverential
salutations all you who are mighty, the
regulators of
your sacrifice,³ of pure vigour, dwellers In
the chamber
of worship, unsubdued, far-seeing, leaders
(of rites).

10.. May they, exceeding in splendour,
so guide us,
that all iniquities may disappear; they, the
very power-

¹ *Ma. no vrftdya vrikye rlratkata*, the
substantives are ex-
plained *kinsakdya, stendya*, to the injurer, the
thief, and *tasya*
striyai, to his woman, or wiie; or *vrika* may retain
its ordinary
sense of wild-dog, or wolf, *aranya *toan*, and urttt
import its
female.

^a The scholiast says that earth and heaven, by
reeming the
itamat or *nmnaskdra*, the reverential salutation
or homage of
mortals, continue throughout a long period for
their enjoyment.

* *Ritasya rathyah, yajnasya ranhitrin, netrin.*
the leaders*
or conveyers of the sacrifice offered to them.